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What is claimed is:

1 1. A method comprising:
2 generating, automatically with an electronic system, a first search request in
3 response to an original search request, the first search request to cause a search to be
4 performed on electronic documents unconsciously captured by a local network device,
5 the search of the electronic documents unconsciously captured to be performed according
6 to search parameters of the original search request; and
7 generating, automatically with the electronic system, a second search request in
8 response to the original search request, the second search request to cause a search to be
9 performed on electronic documents available via a network portal of an external network
10 according to the search parameters of the original search request.

1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the local network device comprises a file
2 management appliance.

1 3. The method of claim 2 wherein the file management appliance generates
2 the first search request and the second search request.

1 4. The method of claim 2 wherein the file management appliance performs a
2 search of the unconsciously captured electronic documents in response to the first search
3 request.

1 5. The method of claim 2 wherein an Internet portal performs a search of the
2 electronic documents available via a network portal of an external network in response to
3 the second search request.

1 6. The method of claim 1 wherein the first search request and the second
2 search request are generated by a portal appliance in response to the original search
3 request.

1 7. The method of claim 1 further comprising generating a search report based
2 on results from the first search request and the second search request.

1 8. The method of claim 7 wherein the search report is a Hypertext Markup
2 Language (HTML) document.

1 9. The method of claim 7 wherein the search report is an Extensible Markup
2 Language (XML) document.

1 10. The method of claim 7 wherein the search report comprises an
2 advertisement selected based on the first search request.

1 11. The method of claim 7 wherein the search report comprises an
2 advertisement selected based on analysis of documents indicated by search results.

1 12. The method of claim 1 further comprising generating a third search
2 request in response to the original search request, the third search request to cause a
3 search to be performed on electronic documents available via a second network portal of
4 the external network according to the search parameters of the original search request.

1 13. A machine readable medium having stored thereon sequences of
2 instructions that, when executed by one or more processors, cause one or more electronic
3 devices to:

4 generate, automatically, a first search request in response to an original search
5 request, the first search request to cause a search to be performed on electronic
6 documents unconsciously captured by a local network device according to search
7 parameters of the original search request; and

8 generate, automatically, a second search request in response to the original search
9 request, the second search request to cause a search to be performed on electronic
10 documents available via a network portal of an external network according to the search
11 parameters of the original search request.

1 14. The machine readable medium of claim 13 wherein the local network
2 device comprises a file management appliance.

1 15. The machine readable medium of claim 14 wherein the file management
2 appliance generates the first search request and the second search request.

1 16. The machine readable medium of claim 14 wherein the file management
2 appliance performs a search of the unconsciously captured electronic documents in
3 response to the first search request.

1 17. The machine readable medium of claim 14 wherein an Internet portal
2 performs a search of the electronic documents available via a network portal of an
3 external network in response to the second search request.

1 18. The machine readable medium of claim 13 wherein the first search request
2 and the second search request are generated by a portal appliance in response to the
3 original search request.

1 19. The machine readable medium of claim 13 further comprising generating
2 a search report based on results from the first search request and the second search
3 request.

1 20. The machine readable medium of claim 19 wherein the search report is a
2 Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) document.

1 21. The machine readable medium of claim 19 wherein the search report is an
2 Extensible Markup Language (XML) document.

1 22. The machine readable medium of claim 19 wherein the search report
2 comprises an advertisement selected based on the first search request.

1 23. The machine readable medium of claim 19 wherein the search report
2 comprises an advertisement selected based on analysis of documents indicated by search
3 results.

1 24. The machine readable medium of claim 13 further comprising generating
2 a third search request in response to the original search request, the third search request to
3 cause a search to be performed on electronic documents available via a second network
4 portal of an external network according to the search parameters of the original search
5 request.

1 25. An apparatus comprising:
2 a device to automatically capture electronic documents from the network; and
3 an application to search the captured electronic documents in response to a search
4 request, wherein the application also generates an external document search request in
5 response to the search request, the external document search request to generate a search
6 of electronic documents from an external network.

1 26. The apparatus of claim 25 wherein the application is executed by the
2 device.

1 27. The apparatus of claim 25 wherein the application is executed by a second
2 device coupled to the device.

1 29. The apparatus of claim 25 wherein the search of captured electronic
2 documents is performed by the second device.

1 30. The apparatus of claim 25 wherein the external document search is
2 performed by an Internet portal.

1 31. The apparatus of claim 25 wherein the search of captured electronic
2 documents is performed by the device.

1 32. A method comprising:
2 generating a search request to retrieve predetermined information from a network
3 portal at one or more predetermined times;
4 capturing, unconsciously, the predetermined information in response to the
5 predetermined information being retrieved; and
6 archiving the captured predetermined information.

1 33. An apparatus comprising:
2 means for generating a search request to retrieve predetermined information from
3 a network portal at one or more predetermined times;

4 means for capturing, unconsciously, the predetermined information in response to
5 the predetermined information being retrieved; and

6 means for archiving the captured predetermined information.

1 34 A machine readable medium having stored thereon sequences of
2 instructions that, when executed by one or more processors, cause one or more electronic
3 devices to:

4 generate a search request to retrieve predetermined information from a network
5 portal at one or more predetermined times;

6 capture, unconsciously, the predetermined information in response to the
7 predetermined information being retrieved; and

8 archive the captured predetermined information.

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